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**EARNINGS AND HOURS OF EMPLOYEES,  
DISTRIBUTION AND COMPOSITION, MAY 1977 (PRELIMINARY)**

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**MAIN FEATURES**

In May 1977 median weekly earnings for male employees were estimated to be \$188.30. That is to say, half of all male employees had earnings below that figure and half above it. Median weekly earnings for female employees were \$141.30.

For full-time adult non-managerial employees –

Average weekly earnings for males were \$200.40 (\$183.20 ordinary time earnings and \$17.30 overtime earnings), an increase of 11.0 per cent since May 1976.

Average weekly earnings for females were \$162.70 (\$159.50 ordinary time earnings and \$3.10 overtime earnings), an increase of 13.2 per cent since May 1976.

Average hours paid for were: for males, 41.1 including 2.4 hours overtime, and for females, 38.2 including 0.5 hours overtime.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Introduction**

This statement contains preliminary results of a sample survey conducted in respect of the pay-period which included 23 May 1977. The survey was designed to provide statistics of the distribution of employees according to weekly earnings and hours, and the composition of weekly earnings and hours for various categories of employees and for the principal occupations.

2. Further statistics obtained from the survey will be published progressively as they become available. Similar surveys have been conducted in May each year since 1974.

3. Because of differences in sample design the results of the surveys are not directly comparable with those of other surveys and series such as the October surveys *Earnings and Hours of Employees* (Catalogue

No. 6304.0, previously Ref. No. 6.40), and the quarterly series of *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0, previously Ref. No. 6.18). In the October surveys adults include persons under 21 years of age who are paid at adult rates; in the May surveys such persons are included with others under 21 years of age.

**Scope of survey**

4. All wage and salary earners were represented except –

members of the defence forces,  
employees in agriculture,  
employees in private households employing staff,  
waterside workers employed on a casual basis,  
persons employed by private employers (other than hospitals) not subject to payroll tax,  
employees on workers compensation.

At the time of the selection of the sample, payroll tax was payable by employers in the States paying more than \$800 a week in wages and salaries and in the Territories more than \$400 a week. In general, Australian Government bodies, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations are specifically exempted under the Australian and State Payroll Tax Acts.

**Coverage**

5. The survey covered all Australian and State Government departments and authorities and stratified random samples of local government authorities, hospitals and private employers subject to payroll tax.

**Survey design**

6. The majority of employers selected were requested to supply relevant details, on separate questionnaires, for only a sample of their employees. Individual employees were randomly selected by employers in accordance with instructions supplied by the Bureau. Employers with fewer than 10 employees were required to complete a questionnaire for every employee.

## Definitions

7. *Specified pay-period* is the pay-period which included 23 May 1977. In general, where an establishment was closed down for part or the whole of that pay-period or operations were seriously curtailed by an industrial dispute, breakdown, fire, etc., the employer was asked to supply survey particulars for the previous normal pay-period.

8. *Employees* comprise male and female wage and salary earners (as defined in paragraph 4) who received pay for the specified pay-period.

9. *Full-time employees* are employees who received pay for the specified pay-period and whose standard (or rostered) weekly hours of work (see paragraph 11) for that pay-period were at least 30 hours. Included are full-time employees on short time, full-time employees who began or ceased work during the pay-period and full-time employees on paid annual leave, paid sick leave and paid holidays. Some employees (e.g. aircrews, teachers, university lecturers), although paid for a weekly attendance of less than 30 hours, were classified as full-time.

10. For private employees, *non-managerial employees* were defined to include foremen or supervisory employees, leading hands, apprentices, trainees or cadets, clerical and office staff as well as ordinary wages employees. They exclude *managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff* who, for the private sector, were not further defined. For government employees, *managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff* were generally defined as those employees who (i) were ineligible to receive payment for overtime, or (ii) although subject to payment for overtime, were in charge of a significant number of employees in a separate establishment (or establishments).

11. *Standard (or rostered) weekly hours* refers to the number of hours constituting a full week's work for the specified pay-period.

12. *Weekly hours paid for* refers to the hours for which payment was made. It comprises *ordinary time hours* (see paragraph 13) and *overtime hours*, which are those in excess of ordinary time hours. Weekly hours paid for were not reported for managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff.

13. *Ordinary time hours* refers to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It includes stand-by or reporting time which are part of standard hours, and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave and long-service leave taken during the specified pay-period.

14. *Weekly earnings* refers to gross earnings before taxation and other deductions have been made. It comprises *overtime earnings*, which refers to payment for overtime hours as defined above, and *ordinary time earnings*, as defined in paragraph 15. It includes one week's proportion of payments made other than on a weekly basis, e.g. salary paid fortnightly or monthly and paid annual or other leave taken during the specified pay-period. Pay in advance, retrospective pay and annual or periodical bonuses, etc. are excluded.

15. *Ordinary time earnings* refers to that part of weekly earnings which is attributable to ordinary time hours, as defined in paragraph 13. It comprises award or agreed base rates of pay for ordinary time hours paid for, including all allowances (other than overtime) specified in the award, etc.; payment by measured result, i.e. payment by piecework, task bonus, commission, etc.; and other earnings, i.e. attendance and good timekeeping bonuses, profit-sharing and any other forms of over-award, etc. pay.

16. *Median earnings* is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having earnings above the median and the other having earnings below it. Medians were calculated from grouped data, linear interpolation being used within the class interval in which the median fell.

17. *Mean (or average) earnings* is the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group (e.g. full-time employees) by the number of employees in that group.

## Reliability of the estimates

18. Since the estimates in this statement are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaire and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of employers and employees was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all employees had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

19. The figures in Table A below provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of estimates of numbers of persons (distribution of weekly earnings) shown in Tables 1 to 3. An example of the use of Table A is as follows: if the estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 30,000 the standard error is 2,100 (7 per cent); i.e. there are about two chances in

three that the true figure is within the range 28,900 to 32,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 26,800 and 34,200.

20. Table B indicates the relative standard error of estimates of averages (composition of average weekly earnings and hours). An example of the use of this table is as follows: Table 6 in this statement indicates that average overtime earnings of full-time male non-managerial employees, aged 21 years and over (Australia) were \$17.30. Table B below shows the approximate standard error for this estimate to be 2.5 per cent (i.e. about 40 cents). There are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range \$16.90 to \$17.70 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between \$16.50 and \$18.10.

21. The percentage standard errors in Table B relate only to estimates for Australia. Estimates for the States and Territories have higher standard errors, those for New South Wales and Victoria being about 1.5 times and those for the small States about 3 to 5 times as great

as those for Australia.

22. The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Estimates with a standard error greater than 15 per cent have not been published, except those relating to overtime earnings and hours. For these categories all estimates with a standard error less than 20 per cent have been published; estimates with standard errors 20 per cent but not greater than 30 per cent have also been published if the standard errors are not greater than \$1.00 or 0.5 hours respectively.

23. The standard errors for average weekly hours paid for are generally much lower than the corresponding figures shown in Table B for average weekly earnings.

NOTE. Estimates of average weekly earnings shown in the tables are rounded to the nearest 10 cents, and those of average weekly hours paid for are rounded to the first decimal place. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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**TABLE A. APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS OF PERSONS, AUSTRALIA**

Standard error	Size of estimate (persons)					40,000	60,000	100,000
	5,000	10,000	20,000	30,000				
0.08	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.4
0.09	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4
0.10	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4
0.11	11.1	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.4
0.12	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4
0.13	13.1	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.4
0.14	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.4
0.15	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.4
0.16	16.1	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.4
0.17	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.4
0.18	18.1	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.6	17.5	17.4
0.19	19.1	19.0	18.9	18.8	18.7	18.6	18.5	18.4
0.20	20.1	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.7	19.6	19.5	19.4
0.21	21.1	21.0	20.9	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4
0.22	22.1	22.0	21.9	21.8	21.7	21.6	21.5	21.4
0.23	23.1	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.6	22.5	22.4
0.24	24.1	24.0	23.9	23.8	23.7	23.6	23.5	23.4
0.25	25.1	25.0	24.9	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.5	24.4
0.26	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.8	25.7	25.6	25.5	25.4
0.27	27.1	27.0	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4
0.28	28.1	28.0	27.9	27.8	27.7	27.6	27.5	27.4
0.29	29.1	29.0	28.9	28.8	28.7	28.6	28.5	28.4
0.30	30.1	30.0	29.9	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.5	29.4
0.31	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.8	30.7	30.6	30.5	30.4
0.32	32.1	32.0	31.9	31.8	31.7	31.6	31.5	31.4
0.33	33.1	33.0	32.9	32.8	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.4
0.34	34.1	34.0	33.9	33.8	33.7	33.6	33.5	33.4
0.35	35.1	35.0	34.9	34.8	34.7	34.6	34.5	34.4
0.36	36.1	36.0	35.9	35.8	35.7	35.6	35.5	35.4
0.37	37.1	37.0	36.9	36.8	36.7	36.6	36.5	36.4
0.38	38.1	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.7	37.6	37.5	37.4
0.39	39.1	39.0	38.9	38.8	38.7	38.6	38.5	38.4
0.40	40.1	40.0	39.9	39.8	39.7	39.6	39.5	39.4
0.41	41.1	41.0	40.9	40.8	40.7	40.6	40.5	40.4
0.42	42.1	42.0	41.9	41.8	41.7	41.6	41.5	41.4
0.43	43.1	43.0	42.9	42.8	42.7	42.6	42.5	42.4
0.44	44.1	44.0	43.9	43.8	43.7	43.6	43.5	43.4
0.45	45.1	45.0	44.9	44.8	44.7	44.6	44.5	44.4
0.46	46.1	46.0	45.9	45.8	45.7	45.6	45.5	45.4
0.47	47.1	47.0	46.9	46.8	46.7	46.6	46.5	46.4
0.48	48.1	48.0	47.9	47.8	47.7	47.6	47.5	47.4
0.49	49.1	49.0	48.9	48.8	48.7	48.6	48.5	48.4
0.50	50.1	50.0	49.9	49.8	49.7	49.6	49.5	49.4
0.51	51.1	51.0	50.9	50.8	50.7	50.6	50.5	50.4
0.52	52.1	52.0	51.9	51.8	51.7	51.6	51.5	51.4
0.53	53.1	53.0	52.9	52.8	52.7	52.6	52.5	52.4
0.54	54.1	54.0	53.9	53.8	53.7	53.6	53.5	53.4
0.55	55.1	55.0	54.9	54.8	54.7	54.6	54.5	54.4
0.56	56.1	56.0	55.9	55.8	55.7	55.6	55.5	55.4
0.57	57.1	57.0	56.9	56.8	56.7	56.6	56.5	56.4
0.58	58.1	58.0	57.9	57.8	57.7	57.6	57.5	57.4
0.59	59.1	59.0	58.9	58.8	58.7	58.6	58.5	58.4
0.60	60.1	60.0	59.9	59.8	59.7	59.6	59.5	59.4
0.61	61.1	61.0	60.9	60.8	60.7	60.6	60.5	60.4
0.62	62.1	62.0	61.9	61.8	61.7	61.6	61.5	61.4
0.63	63.1	63.0	62.9	62.8	62.7	62.6	62.5	62.4
0.64	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.8	63.7	63.6	63.5	63.4
0.65	65.1	65.0	64.9	64.8	64.7	64.6	64.5	64.4
0.66	66.1	66.0	65.9	65.8	65.7	65.6	65.5	65.4
0.67	67.1	67.0	66.9	66.8	66.7	66.6	66.5	66.4
0.68	68.1	68.0	67.9	67.8	67.7	67.6	67.5	67.4
0.69	69.1	69.0	68.9	68.8	68.7	68.6	68.5	68.4
0.70	70.1	70.0	69.9	69.8	69.7	69.6	69.5	69.4
0.71	71.1	71.0	70.9	70.8	70.7	70.6	70.5	70.4
0.72	72.1	72.0	71.9	71.8	71.7	71.6	71.5	71.4
0.73	73.1	73.0	72.9	72.8	72.7	72.6	72.5	72.4
0.74	74.1	74.0	73.9	73.8	73.7	73.6	73.5	73.4
0.75	75.1	75.0	74.9	74.8	74.7	74.6	74.5	74.4
0.76	76.1	76.0	75.9	75.8	75.7	75.6	75.5	75.4
0.77	77.1	77.0	76.9	76.8	76.7	76.6	76.5	76.4
0.78	78.1	78.0	77.9	77.8	77.7	77.6	77.5	77.4
0.79	79.1	79.0	78.9	78.8	78.7	78.6	78.5	78.4
0.80	80.1	80.0	79.9	79.8	79.7	79.6	79.5	79.4
0.81	81.1	81.0	80.9	80.8	80.7	80.6	80.5	80.4
0.82	82.1	82.0	81.9	81.8	81.7	81.6	81.5	81.4
0.83	83.1	83.0	82.9	82.8	82.7	82.6	82.5	82.4
0.84	84.1	84.0	83.9	83.8	83.7	83.6	83.5	83.4
0.85	85.1	85.0	84.9	84.8	84.7	84.6	84.5	84.4
0.86	86.1	86.0	85.9	85.8	85.7	85.6	85.5	85.4
0.87	87.1	87.0	86.9	86.8	86.7	86.6	86.5	86.4
0.88	88.1	88.0	87.9	87.8	87.7	87.6	87.5	87.4
0.89	89.1	89.0	88.9	88.8	88.7	88.6	88.5	88.4
0.90	90.1	90.0	89.9	89.8	89.7	89.6	89.5	89.4
0.91	91.1	91.0	90.9	90.8	90.7	90.6	90.5	90.4
0.92	92.1	92.0	91.9	91.8	91.7	91.6	91.5	91.4
0.93	93.1	93.0	92.9	92.8	92.7	92.6	92.5	92.4
0.94	94.1	94.0	93.9	93.8	93.7	93.6	93.5	93.4
0.95	95.1	95.0	94.9	94.8	94.7	94.6	94.5	94.4
0.96	96.1	96.0	95.9	95.8	95.7	95.6	95.5	95.4
0.97	97.1	97.0	96.9	96.8	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.4
0.98	98.1	98.0	97.9	97.8	97.7	97.6	97.5	97.4
0.99	99.1	99.0	98.9	98.8	98.7	98.6	98.5	98.4
1.00	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.4

**TABLE B. APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA**

(per cent)

	Aged 21 years and over			Aged under 21 years		
	Manufacturing	Non-manufacturing	Total all industries	Manufacturing	Non-manufacturing	Total all industries
Males - Overtime	3.1	3.4	2.5	9.3	10.8	7.4
Ordinary time	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.7
Total	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.9
Females - Overtime	6.2	8.2	5.9	16.4	8.0	7.2
Ordinary time	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.7
Total	0.6	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.7

TABLE I. ALL EMPLOYEES (a) : WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (b)

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total
<b>Weekly earnings (\$)</b> —									
Under 10	(c)20.4	0.7	0.7	10.4	0.7	0.7	15.2	0.3	0.3
10 and under 20				21.6	1.5	2.2	37.2	0.9	1.2
20 "	30	20.8	0.7	25.3	1.7	3.9	46.1	1.1	2.3
30 "	40	16.2	0.6	27.4	1.9	5.7	43.7	1.0	3.3
40 "	50	12.9	0.5	25.9	1.8	7.5	38.8	0.9	4.2
50 "	60	19.9	0.7	30.0	2.0	9.5	49.9	1.1	5.3
60 "	70	30.5	1.1	40.9	2.8	12.3	71.4	1.6	6.9
70 "	80	30.8	1.1	49.5	3.4	15.7	80.3	1.8	8.8
80 "	90	35.8	1.2	59.5	4.0	19.7	95.4	2.2	11.0
90 "	100	31.2	1.1	60.9	4.1	23.9	92.1	2.1	13.1
100 "	110	35.3	1.2	56.3	3.8	27.7	91.6	2.1	15.2
110 "	120	39.7	1.4	72.8	4.9	32.6	112.5	2.6	17.8
120 "	130	62.7	2.2	107.1	7.3	39.9	169.8	3.9	21.7
130 "	140	116.7	4.1	127.7	8.7	48.6	244.4	5.6	27.3
140 "	150	171.6	6.0	158.8	10.8	59.3	330.4	7.6	34.9
150 "	160	211.9	7.4	146.0	9.9	69.3	357.9	8.2	43.1
160 "	170	217.6	7.6	105.1	7.1	76.4	322.7	7.4	50.5
170 "	180	208.0	7.2	73.7	5.0	81.4	281.7	6.5	57.0
180 "	190	189.3	6.6	51.1	5.6	85.3	246.2	5.7	62.7
190 "	200	178.1	6.2	57.3	4.3	3.0	88.3	5.1	67.8
200 "	210	160.6	5.6	62.9	3.8	2.6	90.9	4.6	72.4
210 "	220	142.1	4.9	67.8	3.0	2.1	93.0	4.0	76.3
220 "	230	120.5	4.2	72.0	2.0	1.4	94.4	3.2	79.6
230 "	240	105.8	3.7	75.7	1.9	1.3	95.7	2.9	82.5
240 "	250	89.4	3.1	78.8	1.5	1.1	96.8	2.4	84.9
250 "	260	83.6	2.9	81.7	0.9	0.7	97.4	2.1	87.0
260 "	270	73.6	2.6	84.3	0.9	0.6	98.1	2.9	88.9
270 "	280	57.3	2.0	86.2	(c)11.8	0.8	98.9	63.7	1.5
280 "	290	47.3	1.6	87.9				52.7	1.2
290 "	300	48.3	1.7	89.6				51.1	1.2
300 "	320	77.5	2.7	92.3				83.4	1.9
320 "	340	49.0	1.7	94.0				51.1	1.2
340 "	360	48.3	1.7	95.6				50.3	1.2
360 "	380	29.6	1.0	96.7	(c)16.7	1.1	100.0	31.1	0.7
380 "	400	23.0	0.8	97.5				23.7	0.5
400 "	450	32.4	1.1	98.6				33.6	0.8
450 "	500	17.7	0.6	99.2				18.0	0.4
500 and over		22.8	0.8	100.0				23.1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,878.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..	<b>1,473.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..	<b>4,351.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
— dollars —									
Median earnings	188.30	..	..	141.30	..	..	169.30	..	..
Mean earnings	201.10	..	..	138.10	..	..	179.80	..	..

(a) Full-time and part-time employees, including managerial, etc. staff. See paragraph 4, page 1 for particulars of employees excluded from the survey. (b) For definitions see page 2. (c) Although individual figures can be derived by deduction, they have not been shown separately as they are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraphs 18-22.

TABLE 2. FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES :  
WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (a)

	Males			Females		
	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total
			AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER			AGED UNDER 21 YEARS
<b>Weekly earnings (\$)</b> —						
Under 80	14.7	0.7	0.7	12.2	1.3	1.3
80 and under 100	12.0	0.6	1.2	12.9	1.4	2.7
100 "	110	10.4	0.5	11.3	1.2	4.0
110 "	120	13.3	0.6	30.3	3.3	7.3
120 "	130	38.4	2.8	71.7	7.8	15.0
130 "	140	92.8	1.8	104.7	11.4	26.4
140 "	150	152.7	4.3	143.3	15.6	42.0
150 "	160	193.9	9.1	134.0	14.6	56.6
160 "	170	204.9	9.6	97.4	10.6	67.2
170 "	180	195.7	9.2	66.2	7.2	74.4
180 "	190	174.4	8.2	51.3	5.6	79.9
190 "	200	164.3	7.7	41.5	4.5	84.4
200 "	210	143.2	6.7	66.0	3.7	88.2
210 "	220	123.9	5.8	34.3	3.2	91.3
220 "	230	98.5	4.6	29.3	2.0	93.3
230 "	240	81.3	3.8	18.3	1.9	95.2
240 "	260	128.0	6.0	21.7	2.4	97.5
260 "	280	93.6	4.4	12.6	1.4	98.9
280 "	300	62.9	2.9			
300 "	320	44.2	2.1			
320 "	340	25.6	1.2			
340 "	360	22.5	1.1			
360 "	380	12.5	0.6			
380 "	400	9.9	0.5			
400 "	450	11.4	0.5			
450 and over	11.0	0.5	100.0	0.001	8.000	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,136.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..	<b>920.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
— dollars —						
Median earnings	188.30	..	..	155.50	..	
Mean earnings	200.40	..	..	162.70	..	
<b>AGED UNDER 21 YEARS</b>						
<b>Weekly earnings (\$)</b> —						
Under 60	12.9	5.2	5.2	20.3	8.9	8.9
60 and under 70	16.7	6.7	12.0			
70 "	18.7	7.6	19.5	19.1	8.4	17.3
80 "	23.9	9.6	29.2	23.9	10.4	27.7
90 "	20.5	8.3	37.5	27.5	12.1	39.8
100 "	20.4	8.2	45.7	26.4	11.5	51.3
110 "	23.8	9.6	55.3	30.5	13.3	64.6
120 "	22.6	9.1	64.4	26.8	11.7	76.4
130 "	21.8	8.8	73.2	18.9	8.3	84.6
140 "	16.5	6.7	79.9	12.2	5.3	89.9
150 "	13.9	5.6	85.5	8.2	3.6	93.5
160 "	16.4	6.6	92.2			
180 "	9.7	3.9	96.1	14.8	6.5	100.0
200 and over	9.7	3.9	100.0	0.001	8.000	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..	<b>228.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
— dollars —						
Median earnings	114.50	..	..	108.90	..	
Mean earnings	117.80	..	..	110.30	..	

(a) For definitions see page 2.

TABLE 3. FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES PAID FOR A FULL WEEK (a) :  
WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (b)

	Males			Females		
	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
Weekly earnings (\$)						
Under 110	8.1	0.4	0.4	12.7	0.2	1.5
110 and under 120	32.4	1.6	2.0	23.6	2.7	4.2
120 " 130	84.5	4.2	6.2	64.9	7.5	11.7
130 " 140	141.7	7.1	13.3	99.5	11.5	23.2
140 " 150	183.5	9.2	22.5	138.6	16.0	39.2
150 " 160	196.2	9.8	32.3	131.4	15.2	54.4
160 " 170	189.2	9.4	41.7	95.7	11.1	65.5
170 " 180	170.0	8.5	50.2	65.4	7.6	73.0
180 " 190	159.4	8.0	58.2	50.6	5.8	78.9
190 " 200	139.1	6.9	65.1	41.0	4.7	83.6
200 " 210	120.0	6.0	71.1	33.4	3.9	87.5
210 " 220	95.6	4.8	75.9	29.2	3.4	90.9
220 " 230	78.7	3.9	79.8	18.1	2.1	93.0
230 " 240	123.5	6.2	86.0	21.4	2.5	97.4
240 " 260	90.7	4.5	90.5	12.5	1.4	98.8
260 " 280	60.2	3.0	93.5			
280 " 300	42.5	2.1	95.6			
300 " 320	23.9	1.2	96.8			
320 " 340	21.4	1.1	97.9			
340 " 360	11.8	0.6	98.5	10.1	1.2	100.0
360 " 380	9.5	0.5	99.0			
380 " 400						
400 " 450	10.8	0.5	99.5			
450 and over	10.1	0.5	100.0			
Total	2,002.8	100.0	..	865.2	100.0	..
— dollars —						
Median earnings	189.80	..	..	157.10	..	..
Mean earnings	203.00	..	..	165.80	..	..
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
Weekly earnings (\$)						
Under 60	8.8	3.9	3.9	17.6	8.1	8.1
60 and under 70	14.9	6.6	10.4			
70 " 80	17.0	7.5	17.9	17.8	8.2	16.3
80 " 90	22.3	9.8	27.7	22.8	10.4	26.7
90 " 100	18.5	8.2	35.9	26.3	12.1	38.8
100 " 110	19.1	8.4	44.3	25.6	11.7	50.5
110 " 120	21.6	9.5	53.8	29.2	13.4	63.9
120 " 130	21.5	9.4	63.3	25.9	11.9	75.8
130 " 140	20.6	9.1	72.3	18.5	8.5	84.3
140 " 150	15.6	6.8	79.2	11.8	5.4	89.7
150 " 160	12.9	5.7	84.9	7.8	3.6	93.3
160 " 180	15.7	6.9	91.8			
180 " 200	9.6	4.2	96.0	14.6	6.7	100.0
200 and over	9.1	4.0	100.0			
Total	227.2	100.0	..	218.0	100.0	..
— dollars —						
Median earnings	116.00	..	..	109.60	..	..
Mean earnings	119.60	..	..	111.20	..	..

(a) Refers to employees whose ordinary time hours paid for were at least equal to their standard (or rostered) hours of work. Employees in the lower earnings ranges mainly comprise persons on less than full pay (e.g., on long service leave or sick leave with half pay) at the time of the survey. (b) For definitions see page 2.

TABLE 4. COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES :  
INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (a)

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Industry	AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER				AGED UNDER 21 YEARS			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Total	Total
Manufacturing -								
Food, beverages and tobacco	22.70	163.90	186.60	5.70	142.20	147.90	127.00	110.10
Textiles; clothing and footwear	15.20	161.70	176.80	3.60	135.40	139.10	111.10	103.20
Paper, printing, etc.	19.50	187.30	206.80	*	143.90	148.00	113.40	104.10
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	21.00	182.80	203.80	4.20	150.20	154.40	123.20	112.80
Metal products, machinery and equipment -								
Basic metal products	23.70	183.70	207.40	*	153.40	157.70	135.90	112.90
Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc.	21.10	164.00	185.00	4.10	138.40	142.50	102.70	99.90
Transport equipment	15.10	170.40	185.60	*	139.70	144.50	115.10	120.30
<i>Total metal products, etc.</i>	<i>19.60</i>	<i>170.30</i>	<i>189.90</i>	<i>4.30</i>	<i>139.80</i>	<i>144.10</i>	<i>112.90</i>	<i>104.80</i>
Other	24.00	163.30	187.30	3.20	137.40	140.60	109.00	100.40
<i>Total manufacturing</i>	<i>20.80</i>	<i>169.50</i>	<i>190.30</i>	<i>4.20</i>	<i>139.70</i>	<i>143.80</i>	<i>114.60</i>	<i>105.20</i>
Non-manufacturing -								
Mining	52.10	228.60	280.70	*	175.50	186.80	176.70	118.80
Electricity, gas and water	16.00	197.90	214.00	*	164.30	166.70	126.40	119.10
Construction	17.10	181.10	198.30	*	156.00	157.30	128.00	105.00
Wholesale trade	11.70	171.20	182.90	2.70	148.40	151.20	112.40	108.50
Retail trade	9.10	163.20	172.30	2.10	142.40	144.50	102.10	95.60
Transport and storage; communication	24.10	190.40	214.50	6.00	163.20	169.20	127.00	124.50
Finance, business services	5.80	189.10	194.90	1.60	159.70	161.30	116.10	107.50
Public administration and defence; community services	8.40	208.30	216.80	2.20	181.90	184.10	129.30	126.00
Other	12.60	166.10	178.70	*	144.60	150.30	126.10	111.20
<i>Total non-manufacturing</i>	<i>15.60</i>	<i>189.60</i>	<i>205.20</i>	<i>2.70</i>	<i>166.60</i>	<i>169.30</i>	<i>119.60</i>	<i>111.10</i>
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>17.30</b>	<b>183.20</b>	<b>200.40</b>	<b>3.10</b>	<b>159.50</b>	<b>162.70</b>	<b>117.80</b>	<b>110.30</b>

(a) For definitions see page 2.

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TABLE 5. COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PAID FOR FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES:  
INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1977 (a)

Industry	AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER				AGED UNDER 21 YEARS			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Total	Total
Manufacturing -								
Food, beverages and tobacco	3.4	38.3	41.8	1.0	38.0	39.0	40.6	39.1
Textiles; clothing and footwear	2.5	39.3	41.8	0.7	38.3	39.0	38.3	38.6
Paper, printing, etc.	2.6	39.3	41.9	0.7	38.1	38.9	40.0	39.1
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	2.8	38.6	41.4	0.7	38.1	38.7	40.6	38.6
Metal products, machinery and equipment -								
Basic metal products	3.4	39.1	42.5	0.7	38.6	39.3	40.4	39.0
Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc.	3.2	38.9	42.1	0.8	38.4	39.2	39.9	38.5
Transport equipment	2.1	38.6	40.7	0.9	37.2	38.1	40.0	39.6
<i>Total metal products, etc.</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>41.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>38.9</i>	<i>40.0</i>	<i>38.7</i>
Other	3.8	39.1	42.9	0.6	38.5	39.1	40.1	39.2
<i>Total manufacturing</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>38.8</i>	<i>41.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>38.9</i>
Non-manufacturing -								
Mining	6.4	36.5	42.9	*	38.3	40.0	41.3	39.2
Electricity, gas and water	2.1	38.9	41.0	*	37.0	37.3	39.4	37.7
Construction	2.4	39.3	41.7	*	37.4	37.6	39.9	37.8
Wholesale trade	1.7	38.9	40.6	0.5	37.6	38.1	40.5	39.0
Retail trade	1.5	39.6	41.2	0.4	38.9	39.2	40.9	39.7
Transport and storage; communication	3.2	38.2	41.5	0.9	36.7	37.7	40.1	38.5
Finance, business services	0.8	38.5	39.3	0.2	37.3	37.6	39.1	38.1
Public administration and defence; community services	1.1	37.9	38.9	0.3	37.4	37.7	38.1	38.6
Other	2.1	39.3	41.4	1.0	37.1	38.1	41.1	40.2
<i>Total non-manufacturing</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>38.5</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>40.0</i>	<i>38.8</i>
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>38.8</b>

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TABLE 6. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, MAY 1977 (a)

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State or Territory	Males			Females		
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
New South Wales	18.20	184.80	202.90	3.60	156.00	159.70
Victoria	17.80	182.30	200.20	2.90	159.30	162.20
Queensland	16.10	179.90	196.00	2.80	161.80	164.60
South Australia	11.60	180.40	191.90	2.20	161.40	163.60
Western Australia	22.50	181.10	203.60	2.40	161.70	164.10
Tasmania	13.50	182.60	196.10	*	161.40	164.00
Northern Territory	20.50	206.70	227.20	*	184.50	191.00
Australian Capital Territory	12.20	214.30	226.50	4.40	176.90	181.30
Australia	17.30	183.20	200.40	3.10	159.50	162.70
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
New South Wales	5.80	113.10	118.80	2.20	110.40	112.60
Victoria	5.50	111.90	117.30	2.10	110.80	112.90
Queensland	6.40	113.20	119.60	1.30	102.90	104.20
South Australia	6.30	106.70	113.00	2.00	106.00	107.90
Western Australia	*	108.20	114.20	1.60	102.00	103.60
Tasmania	*	112.50	120.70	*	103.80	105.00
Northern Territory	*	121.30	146.70	*	*	*
Australian Capital Territory	*	122.40	133.80	2.30	126.90	129.10
Australia	6.10	111.70	117.80	1.90	108.40	110.30

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TABLE 7. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PAID FOR, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, MAY 1977 (a)

State or Territory	Males			Females		
	Overtime hours	Ordinary time hours	Total hours	Overtime hours	Ordinary time hours	Total hours
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
New South Wales	2.5	38.5	41.1	0.6	37.5	38.1
Victoria	2.6	38.7	41.2	0.5	37.8	38.3
Queensland	2.2	38.6	40.8	0.4	37.8	38.2
South Australia	1.6	39.1	40.7	0.4	37.9	38.2
Western Australia	3.1	38.7	41.8	0.4	38.1	38.5
Tasmania	1.8	39.0	40.9	*	37.8	38.2
Northern Territory	2.8	38.0	40.8	*	37.5	38.3
Australian Capital Territory	1.6	37.7	39.4	0.6	36.8	37.4
Australia	2.4	38.6	41.1	0.5	37.7	38.2
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
New South Wales	1.2	38.6	39.9	0.5	38.3	38.8
Victoria	1.2	38.6	39.8	0.5	38.3	38.8
Queensland	1.3	38.8	40.1	0.3	38.5	38.8
South Australia	1.4	38.9	40.3	0.5	38.4	38.9
Western Australia	1.2	39.1	40.4	0.4	38.6	39.0
Tasmania	1.4	39.1	40.4	*	38.4	38.8
Northern Territory	4.9	38.6	43.5	*	36.6	36.9
Australian Capital Territory	2.5	37.8	40.3	0.4	37.7	38.1
Australia	1.3	38.7	40.0	0.4	38.4	38.8

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